

# Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Bill.

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## MEMORANDUM.

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The object of this Bill is to remove certain doubts with respect to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, so far as it applies to Ireland.

Doubts have arisen whether town commissioners (not being sanitary authorities) who have adopted Part III. of the Act can hold land as corporate bodies or purchase land by compulsion under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, for the purposes of the Act of 1890.

Clause 1 proposes to make it clear that such town commissioners have the above-mentioned powers.

The forms in the fourth schedule to the Act of 1890 are required to be under seal, while town commissioners who are not bodies corporate have no seal, and those forms are not framed in conformity with the forms usually adopted under the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851.

Clause 2 proposes to enable the forms in the fourth schedule to the Act of 1890 to be altered so as to be in conformity with the forms used under the Act of 1851, and to dispense with the necessity for the use of a seal.

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Remove certain Doubts with respect to the Housing of  
the Working Classes Act, 1890, so far as it applies to  
Ireland.

A.D. 1896.

**B**E it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and  
with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and  
Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,  
and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1.—(1.) It is hereby declared that where the town commissioners  
of any town in Ireland, not being an urban sanitary district, have  
adopted Part Three of the Housing of the Working Classes Act,  
1890, they shall have the same powers under Part Three of that  
Act, of acquiring land and otherwise, as any other local authority,  
10 and the said Part Three and the sections of the Public Health  
(Ireland) Act, 1878, applied for the purpose of that Part, shall apply  
accordingly as if such town commissioners were a sanitary authority;  
and if such town commissioners are not already a body corporate,  
they shall, for the purpose of holding such land, and of suing and  
15 being sued in respect thereof, be nevertheless deemed a body  
corporate with perpetual succession.

Declaration  
as to  
meaning of  
53 & 54 Vict.  
c. 70. s. 98.

41 & 42 Vict.  
c. 52.

- (2.) Any instrument relating to such land shall be duly executed  
by such town commissioners if executed in manner provided by  
section fifty-nine of the Commissioners Clauses Act, 1847, with  
20 respect to conveyances by commissioners who are not a body  
corporate.

10 & 11 Vict.  
c. 16.

2. It is hereby declared that the forms in the Fourth Schedule  
to the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, may be altered  
in Ireland so as to be in conformity with the forms ordinarily used  
25 in Ireland under the Petty Sessions (Ireland) Act, 1851, and need  
not be under seal.

Forms.  
53 & 54 Vict.  
c. 70.  
14 & 15 Vict.  
c. 53.

3. This Act may be cited as the Housing of the Working Classes  
(Ireland) Act, 1896, and shall be construed as one with the Housing  
of the Working Classes Acts, 1890, 1893, and 1894, and those Acts  
30 and this Act may be cited collectively as the Housing of the Working  
Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1896.

Short title  
and con-  
struction.  
53 & 54 Vict.  
c. 70.  
56 & 57 Vict.  
c. 38.  
57 & 58 Vict.  
c. 55.

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to Ireland.

*(Prepared and brought in by  
Mr. Attorney-General for Ireland  
and Mr. Gerald Balfour.)*

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